



Make a YouTube Channel Background

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TOOLS:

- [Computer \(1\)](#)
- [internet \(1\)](#)

SUMMARY

In this project, you will learn the basics to creating a nice and neat YouTube background. This will help to display information to your viewers.

Step 1 — Make a YouTube Channel Background



- Here is an example of a nice-looking YouTube channel that has a great background. You may want to notice a few things...
- First off, the name of the channel is included in the background. This shows the user that this background is custom made.
- Second, there is an iPhone to the other side. This shows the main topic of the channel, iPhones.
- Lastly, everything is fitted close to the middle because some computer screens won't be able to display what is on the ends.

Step 2



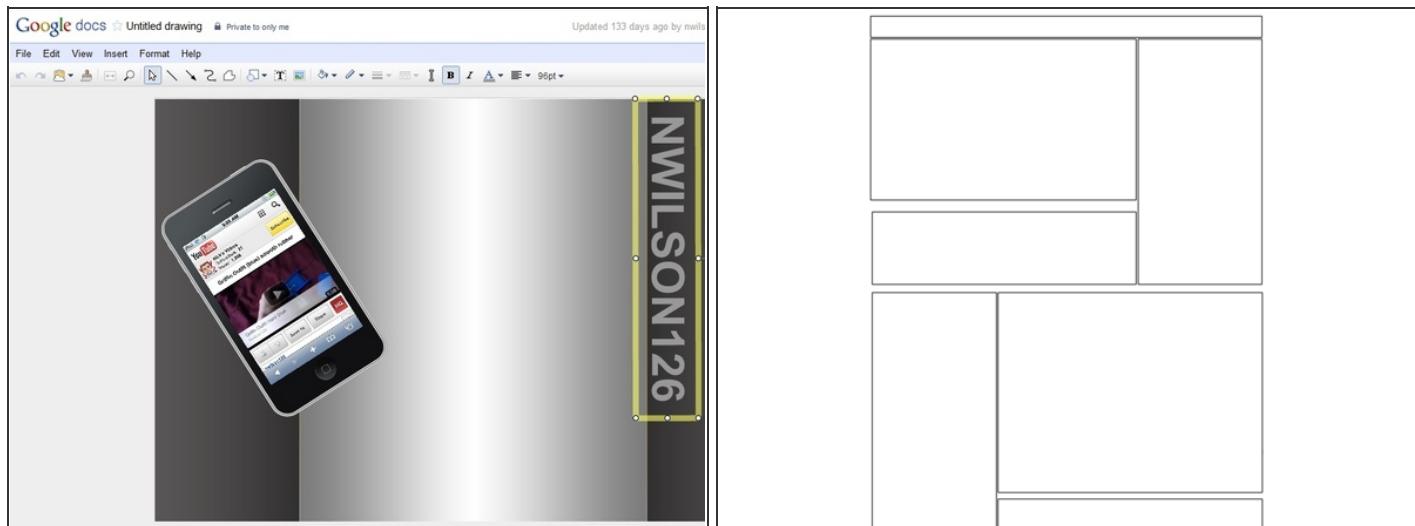
- Now there are two ways to do this.
- You can use an existing background and modify it into a custom one.
- Or you can start from scratch to make a totally custom background.
- To the right is an example of one that was created totally custom. Most totally custom ones take more time and more experience with a computer.

Step 3



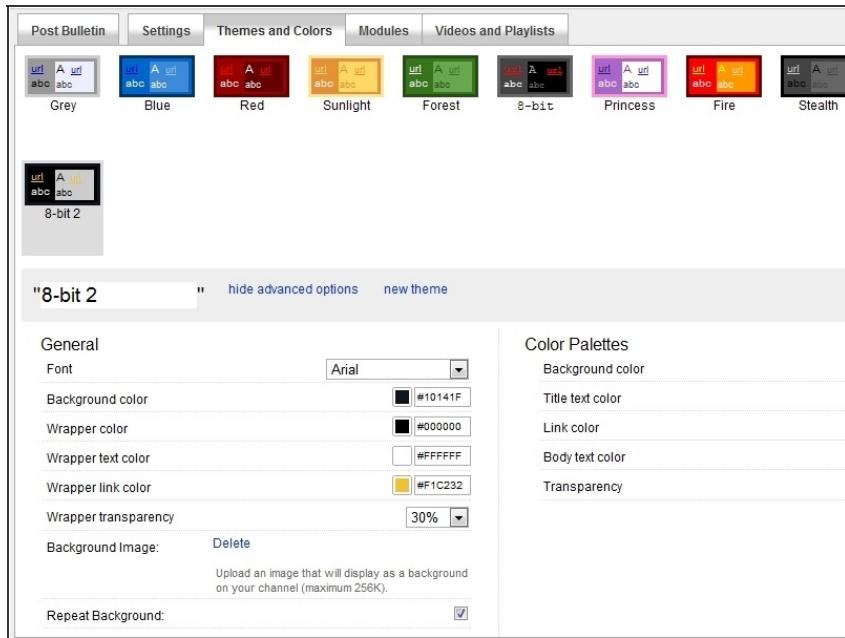
- For a half-custom background (one where you use a pre-made background), you can get backgrounds from the following sites...
- <http://backgroundtube.com>
- <http://www.ytlayouts.net>
- <http://pimpmychannel.com>

Step 4



- Now you will use a program such as Paint or Google Drawings to add text or pictures.
- I found a blank background online and added text to the sides to make it my own
- If you are starting from scratch, I recommend using <http://www.aviary.com> to edit your background. You can use the gradient tool to add effects.
- You can also find a template online that you can add on top of your background to help you place things.

Step 5



The screenshot shows the Make Projects theme editor interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Post Bulletin', 'Settings', 'Themes and Colors' (which is selected), 'Modules', and 'Videos and Playlists'. Below the tabs are nine preview cards for different themes: Grey, Blue, Red, Sunlight, Forest, 8-bit, Princess, Fire, and Stealth. A sub-menu for '8-bit' is open, showing '8-bit 2' as the selected theme. The '8-bit 2' settings page has a title '8-bit 2' with 'hide advanced options' and 'new theme' buttons. It contains two main sections: 'General' and 'Color Palettes'. The 'General' section includes settings for Font (set to Arial), Background color (#10141F), Wrapper color (#000000), Wrapper text color (#FFFFFF), Wrapper link color (#F1C232), and Wrapper transparency (30%). It also has a 'Background Image:' section with a 'Delete' button and a note about uploading a background image. The 'Color Palettes' section lists Background color, Title text color, Link color, Body text color, and Transparency.

- Lastly, to add to the background, you will want to change the color scheme of the channel.
- I hope this tutorial helped you!
- For more tutorials, visit <http://www.youtube.com/nwilson126>

Make:Projects user **vincent** has contributed a few sample backgrounds he has designed. They are in a PDF file at the top of this guide.

Thank you for reading. I hope you understand this guide and use it to help your own YouTube channel!

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